

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, June 19th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Readings

First Readings

Isaiah 65:1-9

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

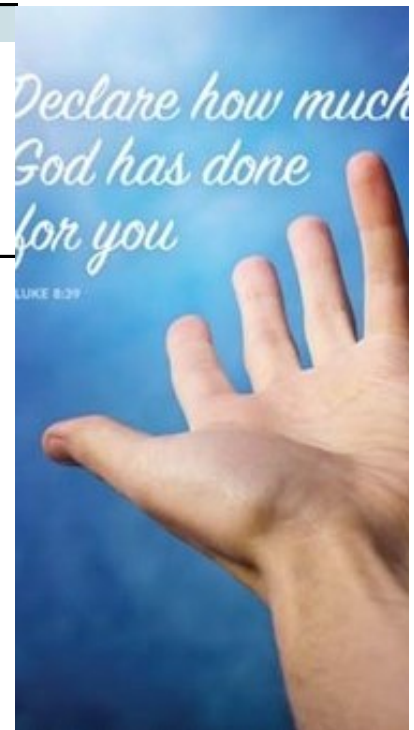
Psalm

Psalm 22:19-28

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

*Join us Sundays
9:30 AM in-person or
online at bethelmt.org.*



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SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Seim, piano.
Lay Assistant	John Blank
Usher	Donna Vinnedge
Tech	Kaleb Stringer
Children's Church	Allison Marr and Julia Elkin
Counters	Pam Dougherty and Warren Johnson

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

OFFICE: (406) 761-1543

WEBSITE: www.bethelmt.org

EMAIL: bethelgf.church@gmail.com

Let Us Pray...



- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Mike Holland and family** as they mourn the passing of **Margie**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dale and Leona Ost** as they recover from illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Grant Harrer**, friend of the Hesse family, as he recovers from illness.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Donna Wester** and support for **Dean Wester** as Donna is in hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of support and comfort for **Tony Marcson, Jessica Crist's brother-in-law**, as he begins hospice.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort for the **Robitaille and Sexe families** as they mourn the loss of Joanne Robitaille.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she has been moved to the Grandview and continues therapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dina Davis**, who has been released from the hospital to home after surgery for a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is home and continues to gain strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg, daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard**, as she awaits test results after chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they continue to manage Don's health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and preparation for **Gordon Lord** recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams, friend of Pastor Jessie**, going through chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **John Korpela** as he completes the last few months of treatments.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues with immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he continues with immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Elijah, godson of Turner Graybill and Jessica Crist**, struggling with mental illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle, Joni Collins' mother**, who has moved to Eastview Nursing Home.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty, Patty Braget's sister**, who managing ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille, brother of Tom Robitaille**, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser, nephew of Connie Titcomb**, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Karla Wagner, Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother**, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus, Cindy Considine's nephew**, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau, Regional Representative of South America**.
- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker, brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson**, who is managing kidney disease.



"For bells are the voice of the church; They have tones that touch and search The hearts of young and old."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, June 26th.

Rehearsal will be Friday, June 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Bethel.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at oboeclar@gmail.com by June 16th

GREAT FALLS CELEBRATES **FREEDOM DAY!**

MUSIC • DANCE • FOOD • STORIES • GAMES

JUNE 18, GIBSON PARK
1PM TO 5PM
FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!



GREAT FALLS, MT
JUNETEENTH
FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

We need YOU!
To Serve as
Treasurer on
Council



Bethel is looking for a Treasurer to take over for Dena Wagner-Fossen. Dena's term ends January 2023 as council/treasurer and would mentor a new council member for the rest of this year before handing over the reins. This is a three year commitment. If anyone would have an interest in being part of our church's financial ministry please let us know. You can contact Pastor Jessie or any member of the council. If you have questions about the position, Dena will be happy to answer them. Contact the Bethel Office for more information or to get in touch with Dena. We ask that you prayerfully consider what a huge help you would be to your Bethel family. God Bless.

Joke of the week...

What kind of person was Boaz before he got married? ... Ruthless!



Vacation Bible School

July 18th—22nd 9:00 am to 1:30 pm



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School for grades (entering) Pre-Kindergarten to 6th. Junior Counselors (entering) 7th grade and up. More information and online registration at <https://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html> - this camp is FREE for all participants.

If you are interested in attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp at Lakeside this year, Bethel offers scholarships to campers on a first come first serve basis. Simply send a copy of your invoice from FLBC (they send you once you register and pay your deposit) to Bethel and we will pay \$100 directly to FLBC.

Benefits of Day Camp:

- Develops lifelong skills
- Promotes independence
- Makes time for play
- Teaches teamwork and resiliency
- Provides fun screen-free activities
- Encourages connection with God
- Fosters growth
- Builds self-esteem
- Supports healthy living

junior counselors

volunteers

Redeemer Vacation Bible School 2022 Begins June 27!

Counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be leading the 1st through 6th graders.

PreK and Kindergartners (ages 4 and 5) will enjoy Sunday School favorites! Seventh graders through adults are invited to help out for any amount of time; call or text Sherri Carl at 781-3283.

DATES: June 27 - July 1, 2022 **TIMES:** 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
(PreK - K: (Ages 4 & 5 will attend 9 to 11:30 a.m.)

PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 332 Riverview 3W

BRING: a cold lunch each day (everyone except PreK & Kindergartners)
PRICE: No registration fee, however, a freewill offering of any amount will be joyfully accepted to help offset costs.

Please call the office at 453-2351 to have a registration form mailed to you to help lessen the time at sign up that first day.

It's Time To Celebrate!

Two Opportunities to Celebrate the Wedding of Pastor Jessie and Jade!

Wednesday, June 29th Patty Braget will be hosting a small potluck at her home. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice. Please RSVP to Patty by calling 406-868-7641 or email pdbraget@hotmail.com as space is limited.

Or

Join us for a special coffee hour hosted by Pastor Jessie and Jade after worship on Sunday, July 3rd in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Job Posting

Administrative Assistant – PT

\$13.35 per hour

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Parish Administrator. This position would include greeting people during the week, bulletin and newsletter design, webpage updating, light bookkeeping, and other clerical duties. Hours would be Monday-Friday, totaling 20 per week.

Knowledge of computer programs such as Word, Excel, and Publisher are necessary, along with a willingness to learn web and member management software. Ability to communicate well both verbally and written are also essential.

Job Opening in the Montana Synod Office

We are sad to announce that Candi Standall will be resigning to move to Memphis, Tennessee to be closer to family at the end of June.

Therefore we are opening up applications for our Office Administrator position! If interested, please download the full application below and mail to the synod office or email:

cstandall@montanasynod.org

Open Position: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Full-time, hourly + benefits

Interviewing is expected to begin May 2, 2022.

Start date: June 13, 2022 (at the earliest)

Accepting Applications until the position is filled.

[Click here for Full
Job Description and
benefits.](#)

Position Description:

The Office Administrator for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls and email, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, organizing synod events, maintaining a contacts database and a variety of front office reception tasks.

News about the ELCA's work in Ukraine and Eastern Europe

Dear friends,

The last time I wrote to you about the war in Ukraine, Lutheran Disaster Response and our partners were taking in an influx of Ukrainian refugees. The United Nations reports that over 6.5 million people have left the country and an additional 7 million are displaced within it. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response have already been at work as we responded to this crisis.

One inspiring ministry you support is Mandák House, a church in Budapest, Hungary, with a long history of helping vulnerable populations, especially the Roma people in the area. Since the first refugees from Ukraine arrived in Budapest in March, the staff and volunteers have dedicated themselves to supporting them. Over 600 volunteers receive such donations as clothing, bedding, toys and hygiene items, and distribute them to refugees.

Your support is still needed. Thanks to a generous donor, gifts to the Eastern Europe Crisis Response fund will be matched, dollar for dollar, until we reach \$25,000. Your gift today will be doubled!

Like many of our partners, Mandák House has watched its response to the refugee crisis evolve. The people of Ukraine now need a different kind of support, beyond immediate relief supplies. Staff and volunteers at Mandák House are helping refugees place their children in schools, find jobs, take language classes, access the health care system and integrate into the community.

"With different phases, you have to be flexible and change your focus," said the Rev. Márta Bolba, pastor of Mandák House. "We are really flexible and needs-oriented. We should continue this flexibility because people need different things in different phases of the war." Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying partners in Eastern Europe as the war in Ukraine continues and the needs of refugees and displaced people evolve. Your gift today will make these short- and long-term response efforts possible!

Of course, this is just one story from Eastern Europe. Our partners and companion churches in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova and Romania are accompanying refugees every day and addressing their various needs.

Thank you for your generous support.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Donations may also be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Rev. Márta Bolba (right), pastor of Mandák House in Budapest, Hungary .

Click [here](#)
to donate
today.

Just for YOUTH

hear & celebrate

Telling what God has done

Luke 8:26-39

The man healed by Jesus in today's gospel reading told many people about what God had done for him. What has God done for you? Draw yourself telling about it here.

Where can you tell God's story? It may be a place close to home, a place where you play, or somewhere far away that you visit with your family. Draw that place in the space above Destination.

Be with us, God, as
we go tell
others what
you have
done for us.
Amen.



Name _____

Date _____

Destination: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6/14

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Church Council meeting on Zoom 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6/15

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 6/17

- Bethel office is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/19

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person & live stream 9:30 am.
- Happy Father's Day!

Tuesday 6/21

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

Wednesday 6/22

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Thursday 6/23

- Pastor Jessie out of the office until June 28th.

Friday 6/24

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 6/25

- Close Knit Crafters meet in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

Online Ministries

Electric City Bible Study

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

Men's Breakfast on Summer Break

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet both in person and via Zoom. We will resume after Labor Day in September, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

Hope Circle

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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